Separate sex-wise records of teachers covered under in-service training programme has not been maintained.

About 1,50,000 teachers are yet to be provided in-service training through DIETs and Colleges of Teachers Education.

(b) The main aim of PMOST was to acquaint the Primary and Second ary School Teachers with the main thrusts of the National Policy on Education 1986. The duration of the course was 10 days.

Under the DIET Scheme in-service training programmes are conducted for primary and upper primary school teachers. Generally they are of 12 days' duration. The main aims of these training programmes are:—

1. To acquaint the teachers with their role and responsibilities in universalisation of primary education.

2. To enhance skill of making teaching more child-centered and in the use of the material supplied under Operation Blackboard scheme and other locally available materials.

3. To enable the teachers to impart education on the basis of Minimum Levels of Learning and continuous comprehensive evalu. tion.

(c) The Centrally Sponsored Sc heme provides for only the boarding charges at the rate of Rs. 20 per day per head for the teachers attending in-service training programme. The tra velling expenses of the teachers have to be borne by the State Government concerned. In Madhya Pradesh, the teachers are paid travelling allowance according to the State Government rules. There is no complaint about the payment of travelling allowance or other charges to the teachers on rates less than the provisions of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Cultural Exchange Programme

2206. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT *be* pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cultural exchange programme signed during the last three years;

(b) the total amount spent in India and in the overseas countries so far during the last three years on promotion and dissemination of culture; and

(c) what are the agreements enter ed into with the overseas countries for culture exchange during the year 1992-93 and amount of budget alloca tion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) 42 cultural exchange programmes hive been signed with foreign countries between January, 1990 and the present date.

(b) The information *im* being collected and will be laid on the Table *of the House.

(c) The following are the foreign countries with which cultural agreements have been entered into for cultural exchange between January, 1992 and the present date:—

Malta, Kazakhstan, Kyrghyzstan, Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Suriname, Jamaica, Chile, Russia & Tajikistan,

No separate budget allocation is made specifically for this purpose.